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Title: Minimizing the Loss of Barrier **Materials During Photoresist**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2005 in the above referenced patent application. Please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7.